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Friday 1.3.12 Went up Buondi pocket. Dug out a Megapodes mound, but did not get any eggs. Walk through the scrub for a couple of hours but did not get anything. Started to rain heavily so we turned home, dug out a fresh turkeys mound near Buondi creek, it contained 4 eggs + 8 shells. Rain continued nearly all the afternoon.

Saturday 2.3.12 Raining all the morning. Spent the afternoon in the mangrove Piara bay. Found P. pulverulenta building in fork of dead mangrove 9 ft from ground, nest about half built

Sunday 3.3.12 Went over to Charo mangroves to look at nest of M. latirostris no eggs yet. Had a look at nest of P. pulverulenta, the birds have deserted it. Heard them call once but could not locate them. Dollar birds noted.

Monday 4.3.12 Raining hard all the morning, light showers during the afternoon. Spent a couple of hours in the scrub on the ridge east of the house. Found a pair of Boat billed fly-catchers building in a tree near swamp pocket track, nest almost completed. Dug out a fresh Turkey mound it contained 1 egg + 2 shells. Found a nest of P. rufigaster containing 1 fresh egg. A couple of White tailed kingfishers nests noted containing young

Heard 2 Manucodes calling

Monarcha gouldii numerous

Rhipidura fantail noted

Dollar birds numerous in open forest & along edge of mangroves.

Flock of Australian mistletoe flying in southerly direction

M melanopis

Tuesday 5.3.12 Raining all day, did not venture out

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Wednesday 6.3.12 Went out to Lockerbie Day out Turkey mound that I took 4 eggs from 23.2.12 it contained 5 eggs & 1 freshly broken shell. The mound that I took 19 eggs from, was built up again but no more eggs had been laid. Day out another mound near Lockerbie but it only contained 1 young one. It was not long hatched & it had worked up 3 inches from the shell, all the wing feathers were encased in sheaths & it was very weak in the legs, I took it along with me & put it

in a box. I had a very wet walk of about 2 miles as it was raining heavily.

Thursday 7.3.12 Went up through the scrub to nest of Malurus exalbiti noted 22.2.12 it contained 3 eggs one of which is a Cuculus C flabelliformis or castaneiventris I dont know which one it is but I am inclined to think it belongs to the last named. I have always heard & seen C castaneiventris in the scrub & never in open forest. C flabelliformis is seldom seen in scrub but always in great numbers in

open forest. Went through
scrub till lunch time
but did not get anything

Had a look at nest of Emile
prospector visited 21.2.13
the birds have deserted it

Started to rain after lunch
& continued all the afternoon
Went over to Peak point
two out to nest scrub

Friday 8.3.13 Return to
Piara Raining all day
two out, Good scrub.

Saturday 9.3.12 Went to
Peak point for mail.
Found a nest of Pitta sim-
illima with 3 eggs along side
track Big hill scrub
Mr Whitby gave me the
skin of Bronze wing pigeon
that he shot 21.2.12 Boy had
a lick at rails nest this morning the
eggs had been taken by something.
Sunday 10.3.12 Went up
into scrub & took nest
of Boat billed flycatcher
noted 4.3.12 it contained 2
eggs. Work through scrub for
a couple of hours. Dug out
Turkeys nest that I took
1 egg from 4.3.12 it contained
another egg.
After lunch I went down

to mangroves Piara bay to look at nest of P. pulverulenta noted 2.3.12, nest nicely finished no eggs. Went over to Charo mangroves to nest of M. latirostris noted 28.2.12, no eggs, the birds have deserted it. Spent the rest of the afternoon watching the 2 pairs of P. pulverulenta but did not find any nest. Heard Manucode calling to day.

Monday 11.3.12 Spent the morning working the scrub on ridge east of house. Found a nest of Monarcha

alliventis containing 2 fresh eggs & a fresh Pitta nest that had been pulled to pieces probably by a Jrarra.

Spent the afternoon working scrub on ridge South west of house. Did not get anything

Tuesday 12.3.12 Spent the morning working scrub on ridge east of house, did not find anything
After lunch I worked the scrub on ridge South west from house, nothing of note

In the morning my left

ankle was slightly swollen the result I think of sandfly bites.
When I took off my boots after I got home, it started to swell in earnest & by bed time it was twice as big as my right foot, the swelling extended from half way to the knee to the toes, so [illegible] & [illegible] stiffness of the ankle joint, swelling uniformly firm, not puffy. I bathed it well with Lysol & hot water & applied Zam buk ointment.

Wednesday 13, 3, 12 No improvement in foot, swelling slightly increased, spent the day lying down resting it. By bed time the swelling had lost its firmness, an indentation made by pressing ~~another~~ another part with the fingers, would remain for some time

Thursday 14, 3, 12 Had another day's spell, swelling decreasing, but very slowly. Cooked a bone of my foot

Friday 15.3.12 Rowed up Chalo creek to have a look at nests noted on my previous visit. The Eurypyges had deserted their nests, but I found 2 more pairs of these birds building. The nests of Black bitterns that I thought were new, have not been added to, so they must be old ones. I saw the young Heron at Umakau it was about 400 yds from the nest. Use of the parent birds noted at the mouth of the creek.

After lunch I walked over to Mud bay

mangroves to have a look
at 2 nests of P. melanocephalus
noted on my previous visit
but were deserted, I spent
some time watching the birds
one pair I think were
building again but I
could not locate the nest.
Found a nest of E. modesta
in mangroves containing
3 eggs & a cuckoo. Had a
near fight with pusilla but
did not see any of them.
Started to join about
4.30 to return home

Saturday 16.3.12 Heavy rain nearly all day + still going strong 11 pm

Sunday 17.3.12 Heavy rain all day

Monday 18.3.12 Heavy rain all day

Tuesday 19.3.12 Morning showery, afternoon fine. Walked up to Pea Point. Had a search through a couple of miles of scrub on the way. did not get anything

1080 pounds rain reported at Peak point from Saturday till Tuesday morning.

Wednesday 20.3.12 Got the loan of a dinghy at Peak point & rowed down to Big creek narrows work about 1½ miles of channel through the narrows but did not find any nests, work through swamp behind narrows did not see any sign of Pied eyrets saw a lot of Baldcoots in swamp.

Near to a small island about a mile from the mainland A number of Gulls were circling round but I think they had finished breeding. Several pairs of Chestnut breasted finches breeding on this island I found 4 nests with eggs. 6.6.6. 7. a couple of pairs of birds building. 4 nests with small young ones & 3 lots of young out of the nest.

Shot a couple of immature caterpillar eaters & hiding in swamp.

Thursday 21, 3, 12 Work
throug Spring water marsh
for L. modesta did not
find any nests or see
any birds.

Friday 22, 3, 12 Cut ash and
hosted 1 parcel of skins & 1
parcel of eggs. Portage 1/2 & 2/2.
Rode back to Piura.

Saturday 23, 3, 12 Took boat
& rode up stand Tabaco
marsh. Found 2 deserted
nests of Icterus with 2
dead eggs in each. 2 pairs
of birds were building.
Found some feathers

[illegible] a thing of [illegible]
[illegible] Levi
[illegible] the [illegible] in
the swamps. [illegible] through
[illegible] swamp [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible] anything
[illegible] a [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] appears to be
charged with [illegible]; [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] head. Between [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

To-day 24.3.12 [illegible]
[illegible] & inflamed [illegible]
it coming to a head, [illegible]
[illegible] & [illegible] it to
[illegible].

Monday 25.3.12 [illegible]
[illegible], [illegible] with [illegible]

Tuesday 26.3.12 Got a
[illegible] letter, about [illegible]
through the nest a [illegible]
[illegible] mother came down
[illegible]

Wednesday 27.3.12 [illegible]
still [illegible], but not
painful.
That was Saturday night,
the [illegible] mornings,
the bird had built it
up again, I say it was
but it only contained
1 egg. Mound [illegible] opened

up: 16.1.12 & 27.2.12 least
[illegible] turkey round
that [illegible] 2 turkey
[illegible] pouches [illegible] from
2.2.12 [illegible] contained
1 egg & [illegible] hen turkey
[illegible] [illegible] through
the crub but a couple
[illegible] birds, [illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] female [illegible] Carolina
caterpillar [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] country, [illegible]
specimen [illegible] Bandit [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
4 eggs from 1.3.12 [illegible]
it did not contain any
eggs, [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] this [illegible] day, [illegible] calling to day.

Thursday 27, 3 P.M. [illegible] the morning [illegible] through [illegible] the [illegible] house, [illegible] [illegible] in his condition [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

to my surprise
after lunch I went
down to many rows
I was low, had a
sort of little accidental
fit and at any rate
sign of him, went over
to have an any rows
but did not hear in
a way of them since
I left he had landed they
later; at single specimen
of Pelecanus mutans is
included in the sub-
ary. the first, the
first I have seen this
last fortnight; Mantis
Canadensis again today
Nitta nachuki seeing

[illegible] scub near [illegible]
[illegible] for rack.

Friday 29.3.12 Went out
to Tokorbie. Day out a
fresh Friday; round
about 8½ miles from
home it contained 2
bird eggs. Day out the
second that I have seriously
hit up from 23.3.12 to 31.3.12
it contained 1 bird egg
21 shell. Took a piece of
his scut but did not
get anything. Heard a
couple of Moorhen in
his scut. Moorhen calling
in usual place round

[illegible] part [illegible]
back.

[illegible]

[illegible] Sunday 30.3.12, [illegible]
[illegible] about [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] back & [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

was the bone, but it
not moved.

Sunday 31.3.12 Spent the
morning working through
the pass from Standerton in
Orange River Colony, during
which time we had
not a shot fired.
Spent the afternoon working
round a ridge at back of
town but did not get anything.
Heard a Kaffir calling in
bush, walked at him & got
a shot at him, & was
hurled a pair of shoes
at. I could not see
him at him, this proved
is conscious not wild

[illegible] mist [illegible]
[illegible] very dense, & [illegible]
[illegible] high [illegible]
[illegible] all day, & [illegible]
[illegible] evening.

Monday, Apl. Fortress
of [illegible] Cannon [illegible]
[illegible] heard the [illegible]
last night & this morning
[illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

left A. at 12 o'clock 12 of every
& out very to meet him
at his house in Sutton. Dead
Miles to about 5 hours, but
the hire did not return
to the meet & Chase it
cost me about 2 of every
had more hounds & paid.
couple of supper minutes it
the meet in the afternoon
but did not meet hounds.
Next he met again about
eleven & again waited for
the hounds, the 22nd a very
wet & windy morning
to the meet & I pulled the
trigger & altered my whole
and left it behind a living
[illegible] place [illegible]

stake driven into the ground, 4 inches from the ground, composed of a block of wood & hydraulic & four pieces of wood with the wall attached, 4 feet 4 inches long roughly constructed.

I mention it in case it should be in stock or another 4½ in diameter & 5 feet

Sunday 2.4.12 [illegible]
morning [illegible]
day [illegible]
[illegible] other [illegible]
[illegible] did not [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] 30.3.12 [illegible]
[illegible]

Wednesday 3.4.12 [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] were not [illegible] in any [illegible] that Boy Widgen [illegible], this is probably the same [illegible] [illegible]. The specimen of [illegible] malibu may be [illegible], [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible].

Thursday, 4.4.12 The Widgen Stock still hot right. Cold [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a bunch of the [illegible]

Friday 5.4.12 Went to Rok post for mail. Big parcel of cards.

Saturday 6.4.12 Still off colds, did not go out.

Sunday 7.4.12 Still off colds, had another rage spell.

Monday 8.4.12 Went through Sibu room behind Sharo mansions did not see anything. The 2 cards of Augusta that I found 23.3.12 were both deserted.

Tuesday 9.4.12 Went the day working through Ikaia & Ikaia narrow did not eat anything

Wednesday 10.4.12 Heavy showers at intervals all day, too wet to go out,

Thursday 11.4.12 Went up through scrub along Bridge creek, found a nest of X filipennis with 1 bird set, nest in bushy scrub 50 ft from ground. Shot a [illegible] nest

[illegible] tracks [illegible]
[illegible] cabin. [illegible] they [illegible]
[illegible] nest.

Friday 12.4.12 Heavy rain
storm in the morning.
Spent the afternoon
in the scrub looking
for Turkeys but did
not find any. Found
a nest of Wonsonata
containing 1 addled turkey
egg.

Saturday 13.4.12 Light
showers early all day.
Spent a couple of hours
in the scrub looking
for Turkeys but did
not find any.

Sunday 14.4.12 yet
I have again to day
did not go out.

Monday 15.4.12 Went
out to Cockerlie that
made Maximum a mobilis.

Tuesday 16.4.12 Spent
the day testing S.
Rogers child & Parkers
did not go out at all
today.

Tuesday 17 4 12 I went
out to Cuchuria & found
found a nest of Sturnus
vulgaris just ready for
eggs in low shrub in
open forest country. It
was built of unusual
material in a fork
of the twig. 3
nests & modest 2 fresh
nest eggs in each nest
of course. 4 Blackcap which
commonest & I believe
the only native bird nest
& I specimen of Fantail
carrier. Up the way back
Pobell & Juan shot
Duck. Pushed a little
back from a new bin
by tiffin, I thought it

was very tired & had a
[illegible] of [illegible] them, but
a surprise was in store
for me when I reached
the nest on it was tired
too, I took them out
dried them but the bird;
after waiting about an
hour I put a shot
at it but did not
bring it down, I waited
for another hour but
the bird did not return
only I saw another fine
a white phase of plumage
it flew over head in fifty
yards distance we open
fire at twenty at one hour

Thursday 18.4.12 after the morning we a final march of Allenby had did not see any. I did not hear any firing this time, nor did I hear any fire nickel rails. For me if enemy visits the Allenbys could be heard early in the morning & them must fill back & the fire nickel rails after dark.
After lunch I returned to Rivers.

Friday 19.4.12 Went to Peak point for mail. Posted 2 boxes of turkeys & Mijanders eggs. Postage 9/4.

Saturday 20.4.12 Went over to Mud bay mangroves work through them but did not see any thing of note. Work through little swamp behind the mangroves found a few old nests of G moccasta nothing else.

Sunday 21.4.12 Did not go out

Monday 22.4.12 Went up to Red point side of Big hill to have a look at 2 nesting places of White Goshawk no sign of birds about the old nests. Work through a good bit of scrub but did not see anything of note.

Tuesday 23.4.12 Went out to Tiechura & Boorto lagoon, found a few old nests of G moduro round the edges of lagoons, no eggs or young birds noted

water birds conspicuous by their absence. Worked through a good bit of scrub but did not see anything of note

Wednesday 24.4.12 Worked through gwondi scrub looking for Turkeys but did not see any, nothing else of note.

After lunch I worked through mangroves at mouth of Bridge creek & Piara bay Heard P. paulculus to call a couple of times but could not find the bird. nothing else of note.

Thursday 25.4.12 Strong S.E. wind blowing, too many limbs coming off trees so do not go out.

Friday 26.4.12 Strong S.E. still blowing. Did not go out.

Saturday 27.4.12 S.E. gale still blowing. Rode up to peak pt to see if there was any wires from Viaja. Several limbs blown down on & along the track; On my return pruning I noted 3 posts over right across the track

Sunday 28.4.12 S. E. gale still on did not go out

Monday 29.4.12 Wind abated a little, light showers throughout the morning. In the afternoon I went up through Sira pocket & some pockets along Bridge creek to see if I could get any Square tailed cuckoos only one bird noted that it, but lost it in long grass.

Tuesday 30.4.12 Light showers again to day spent the morning in the scrub looking for

Turkeys, did not see any, shot a couple of Cericornis & a Male of Malurus amabilis, the party of M amabilis consisted of 2 full plumaged males 1 immature male & 1 female & 3 young birds, did not see any more of them after I shot the male.

Wednesday 1.5.12 Worked scrub on ridge east of house, found a nest of Sericornis osmanata with 1 small young one, with the peculiar head plumes shot 4 Sericornis 2 Males 1 Female & 1 young female

A single specimen of Pitta
simillima noted.

Thursday 2.5.12 Did not
go out, packed box of
skins & eggs.

Friday 3.5.12 Went to
Rest pt for mail.
Posted parcel of eggs &
skins Postage 3/8.

Saw specimen of Rhipidura
albiscapa noted, similar
to specimen met during
Jardine River trip.

Large flocks of Black

Land Francalus noted

Pacific Lines noted
flying past the office
B & pot.

Saturday 4.5.12 Went
out through scrub
along foot of ridge
near Bridge creek to
get some lines for
skinning. Shot 2 Robins
did not see anything
else of note.

Sunday 5.5.12 Went out
through scrub on ridges
near the house, did not
see or get anything of note

Monday 6.5.12 Expect Mr Vidgen a family back this week, so I packed up my things in readiness to leave.

Tuesday 7.5.12

Wednesday 8.5.12

Thursday 9.5.12

Friday 10.5.12

Saturday 11.5.12 Received wire from Vidgen, Doctor wouldn't let him come away. Says that he will wire me again on Tuesday.

Sunday 12.5.12 Went up through scrub along Bridge creek. Caught a small Flying fox, brought

it alongside skinning
Found a nest of little
green fruit pigeon con-
taining 2 young just hat-
ched. Nothing else of
note.

Monday 13.5.12 A & C were
beginning to pipe up a bit
Went up through Tiura
scrubs but did not
see anything of note.

Tuesday 14.5.12 Went to
Peak point for wire.
Vidya says weather too
rough to come over, will
be alongside as soon as it
moderates.

On the way home I found a nest of M. obscura containing 2 hard set eggs. Nest 20 yd from ground in small hawthorn bush near the track as about 1½ miles from Park pt. I tried to blow the eggs when I got home but they were just on the point of hatching.

Wednesday 15.5.12

Thursday 16.5.12

Friday 17.5.12 Went to Peak p.t. for mail. Had a letter from Vidgen, he says he cannot get a boat & if not over by Tuesday will wire me definitely by then

Saturday 18.5.12

Tuesday 19.5.12

Monday 20.5.12

Tuesday 21.5.12 Went to Reef point. Wire from Vidyen saying that he will be over on Friday

Wednesday 22.5.12

Thursday 23.5.12

Friday 24.5.12 Vidgen came over in the Bute launch but as he did not make any arrangement for me to go back in it. The launch had to go to Pardinnerver to pick up a party there & to bring a load of hay from Red is the driver said that he did not have any room for me.

Saturday 25.5.12 Went to Peak Pt to wire for boat to take me off. Did not get any reply. Wire 1/6

Sunday 26.5.12

Monday 27.5.12 Went to Port of. Got an answer to my wire no boat available Wired to another party, who replied & said that he would send a boat before the end of the week. Wire 1/6

Tuesday. 28 5.12

Wednesday 29 5 12

Thursday 30 5 12

Friday 31.5.12 Got a wire from Bruce saying that he could not get away.

Saturday 1.6.12 Went Rock point. Wired to Graham for boat. he could not send one. Wire 1/6
Sent another wire to Riley but did not get any reply Wire 1/6.

Sunday 2.6.12

Monday 3.6.12 Went Rock pt. Got a wire from Riley saying that

he could not send
a boat.
Wired to Mckenzie
he never wired & said that
he had no boat available. Wire 1/6.
Wired to
Arthur he said
that he would send
a boat on Friday
Wire 2/-

Tuesday 4.6.12

Wednesday 5.6.12

Thursday 6.6.12

Friday 7.6.12

Saturday 8.6.12 Went
to Thursday island
per Rubys launch. Hire
of launch £5. Exes 3/-

Sunday 9.6.12

Monday 10.6.12

Tuesday 11.6.12

Wednesday 12.6.12

Thursday 13.6.12 Lent 1 pair
of Rubys to Dr Denham

Friday 14.6.12

Saturday 15.6.12

Sunday 16.6.12

Monday 17.6.12

Tuesday 18.6.12 Left in Suva for Normanton Fare £4 Exes 3/-

Wednesday 19.6.12 A few pairs of Ulula nesting were the only birds noted.

Thursday 20.6.12 Anchored off Norman river bar 8.am. Got in tender to go up the river 10 a.m. nearly wanders a bay a couple of miles from the town about 6 p.m. A couple of large Boats nest noted on or the

mouth of the river
A few White-rolled
Macaws & White
headed Macaws, Mar-
Egets & Herons
White breasted Herons
Whistling Ducks & Guan
tailed Kites were along
the river & occasional
Hickheads & a Sheep bill
could be heard calling
in the mangroves fringing
the river but I could
not get a look at
them.

Friday 21.6.12

Saturday 22.6.12

Sunday 23.6.12 Went for a walk up the river for a couple of miles to spy out the land & returned to the tent across some rank ridges covered with thick growth of stunted timber.

Bonnie

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Thursday 8.8.12 Wet & cold

Friday 9 8.12 Ditto

Saturday 10.8.12 Still wet but not so cold

Sunday, 11 8.12. Fine day

Monday 12.8.12 Went
out to Cornedale
Pair of Black chinked
falcons had their
nest in the same old
tree but they had not
yet laid, nest ready
for eggs. Mr Frank
Daxcocks told me that
the birds had been
about the tree for a
month past. Climbed
to 4 willows looking
for Owls but did not
find any traces of
them. Afternoon cold
& wet.

Tuesday 13.8.12

Wednesday 14.8.12 West along the Marrua river Magpies noted building. Pair of Ravens & 2 pairs of Crows noted building

Thursday 15.8.12

Friday 16.8.12 Drove down to Dartmoor 36 miles. Left Carterton 8.30 am arrive Dartmoor 4.30 pm. Day fine but cold. Nothing of interest along the road.

Saturday 17 8 12
Raining in the morning
In the afternoon I
went through some
of the scrubs along
the river. Found a
Yellow breasted robins
nest with 2 eggs. 2 nests
of New Holland honeyeater
ready for eggs. A Cowlain
thrush's nest 14 feet from
ground built on top
of old nest of Ring tail
possum, with 1 fully fledged
young one.

Sunday 18.8.12 Went down the river 2½ miles to some big Mimosa scrub. Found 3 nests of Mountain thrush, ready for eggs, & 1 nest of Brown Pollard honeyeater ready for eggs.

After dinner Went through several scrubs across the river from the town & found 1 nest of Brown Crested scrub robin with 1 egg & a Brown Pollard honeyeaters nest with 2 eggs. Picked up a few specimens of shells from the lime stone cliffs along the

River.

Monday 19.5.12 Met a fellow placed honey cake in the garden, Return to Chesterton

Tuesday 20.3.12

Wednesday 21.3.12 Went out to Burndale to look at Falcon nest. Female was sitting in the nest, but has not yet laid. Both birds were very excited while Bruce climbing to nest. Had another hunt round for Kites but didn't find any. Flushed a hen from a hollow

spot 20 ft from
ground saw it the
contents of both boxes
of the 20 box & dropped
it.

After breakfast, Mr Brooks
Dancocks drove me to
the other Falcon nest
the bird flew from the
hollow as we approached
but there was no eggs
hatched in any end from
20 ft from the ground
these birds have bred
here for several years

Thursday 22.8.12

Friday 23 8 12

Saturday 24.8.12

Sunday 25.8.12

Monday 26. 8. 12 Left for Berkley Hill.

Tuesday 27. 8. 12

Wednesday 28. 8. 12 c Leave Berkley Hill